



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of
Alcino Resende de ALMEIDA
Application No: 08/186,469
Filed: January 26, 1994
For: SEAT FOR GATE VALVE

FINAL OFFICE ACTION - EXPEDITED
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Group Art Unit: 3407
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Assistant Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated January 20, 1997, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Change the title from "SEAT FOR GATE VALVE" to -- GAS FLOW
CONTROL DEVICE --.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, lines 1 and 2, delete in their entirety and replace
with the following: -- The present invention is directed to a gas flow
control device and more specifically to a gas flow control device for
use in oil wells producing by continuous gas-lift. Such a gas flow
control device is sometimes referred to in the industry as a gas-lift
valve having a housing and a valve seat. The latter terminology is used
throughout the specification. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 2 in its entirety and substitute therefor the
following claim: